

News of the Firemen Among the Policemen

The chief topic of discussion in the Fire Department during the past week was the proposition advanced by Commissioner Macfarland to give the men in the service every fourth day off duty. Chief Belt ordered the captains of the companies to consider the proposition and report to him whether it could be carried out with the force available in each company. The reports were completed Wednesday night and sent into headquarters there to be considered by the Chief Engineer and the Commissioner.

In general the department feels gratified to the Commissioner for his suggestion, and an honest effort has been made in each company to work out a plan to realize the benefits of his proposal. Most of the captains reported in favor of the scheme and mapped out to the Chief Engineer assignments of the men which would allow of every fourth day off for each man and at the same time leave the company with a full quota to operate the apparatus in case of fire. A few of the captains reported that they could not do it with the force at hand. Some of the houses where details to the theaters and other privileges now granted reduce the number of men to such an extent that the captains reported they could not fully realize the Commissioner's offer without the addition of one or two men to the company.

Incidentally to the discussion of the Commissioner's plan was that of making certain changes and giving the men twelve hours off in each twenty-four hours. That is to divide the men into day and night shifts and cancel the days off. Men in the department are much more in favor of that plan than the one suggested by Commissioner Macfarland. It was pointed out to The Times man that in quite a number of companies the twelve-hour shifts could be worked now quite as well as the taking of every fourth day off. Take for example a company of thirteen or fourteen men. Such a company could be divided into two shifts of six men for day duty and seven for night duty in the first case and seven to each shift in the other. The day shift would go on duty at 7 o'clock in the morning. The men would come to quarters after breakfast, would bring their dinner or have them sent to the firehouse and would eat supper and return home at night. This would leave the day shift the entire night at home, except in the emergency of a big conflagration. The night shift would go on at 7 o'clock in the evening after having spent all day at home or in recreation. This would do away with the absence of a man on his day off and the absence of another through the entire day as the men go home to their meals.

In the majority of companies this plan could not be worked out satisfactorily. The year through especially in the annual leave period, without the addition of one or two men to each company. The great majority of the firemen, however, would choose the twelve-hour shift to the fourth day off.

Spilled Flower Garden.

Truck 4 company is lamenting the destruction of its flower garden. On a vacant lot beside the house they had planted out some fine flowers and had several beds in the wealth of autumn bloom. The lot was about eight feet above grade, and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company made a deal with the owner to grade down the lot for the dirt to be used in filling up the viaduct to the new terminal. The owner permitted the excavation to be made and, despite the pleadings of the Truck company to wait until a little later in the season, the railroad contractor sent his wagons and graded down the lot, finishing last week.

The owner will allow the company to fix up the lot again and plant new flowers next year. He has also given the men a statue to help along in the decorations, but the company is fearful that just as the flowers are beginning to bloom next spring some builder will buy the lot and their work will go again for naught.

Wanted to See His Friend.

"Jack," the clever dog of Truck 2, played a joke on one of the boys last week, that Captain Martin speaks of as out of the ordinary. One of the men placed the dog's basket in his mouth, putting a quarter in it and a note to a tobacco dealer on Pennsylvania avenue, asking him to send back a package of smoking tobacco. "Jack" is very friendly with another member of the company, often goes home with him to meals and plays with the fireman's small children. He also goes to the fireman's house occasionally with his basket for something to eat.

On this particular morning "Jack's" friend was out on his day off. The dog wanted to see his friend, instead of going to the tobacco store as directed, went around on Nineteenth street to the fireman's house and presented his basket to the fireman's wife. She read the note and for a time was at a loss to understand the situation. She had figured it out that calling her husband, the dog was given something to eat and sent to finish his work.

Captain Martin says "Jack" must have been learning something from the telegraph messenger boys.

Notes of the Department.

Fire Marshal Nicholson has made a thorough inspection of all the local theaters and reports the precautions against fire as being all that could be required. The theaters are in working order, hose and stand-pipes having all been recently tested. He says there is no more danger of fire in any of the theaters than there can be foreseen and guarded against. The detail of a fireman to each performance in the theaters continued this year, and the rule against smoking behind the scenes is rigidly enforced.

Truck 6 had an unpleasant experience the other night. The Joker was out on order by some kind of a hitch in the electric wires, and the Joker was called out three times after midnight by the ringing of the gongs when no alarm was sent in. The trouble was located early in the morning by Superintendent Simpson and the mischievous wires made to behave themselves.

No. 9 company is pleased with the work of Superintendent of Repairs Coleman in putting a new roof upon the house. It is now rain proof, and the boys can sleep through early morning showers without fear of getting wet from some leak above.

Of a Personal Nature.

Capt. P. O'Connor, of No. 1, returned to duty on Friday, and Private J. J. Sweeney went on leave. He will spend a few days at Bluemont, Va.

Private Ed Noyes was last week transferred from No. 1 to Truck 1. Private W. A. Simpson was transferred from No. 13 to No. 1, and Private D. J. Sullivan from No. 12 to No. 1.

Assistant Engineer George Nusbaum, of No. 11, went on leave last Friday for twenty days, which he expects to spend in the city. Assistant Driver H. LePier returned to duty also on Friday.

W. S. Carter, of No. 11, who had been on sick leave for several weeks, is now restored to health and is on duty again.

Driver H. W. Hollidge, of Truck 6, returned to duty September 23, and Capt. G. T. Warren went on leave. He will today for a trip to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto, and other points in Canada. Captain Warren will stop a few days in Philadelphia on his return from the North.

Assistant Driver E. C. Waters, of No. 9, is on duty again after his annual leave. He returned on Friday, and Private Paul Stedman follows him on furlough. Stedman will spend a portion of his holiday fishing in the vicinity of Chesapeake Beach.

Private F. G. Sylvester, of Truck 2, and Private F. G. Bernhard have been transferred, one taking the place of the other.

Private T. P. Purcell, of Truck 2, returned to duty on Friday, and Capt. P. D. Martin went on leave. He will take a trip to Boston, stopping a short time in New York on his return.

R. J. Bessler, of No. 8, was recently promoted and transferred to No. 5 as third man in charge of the engine.

Private J. Buscher is happy again with his old comrades of No. 5. Buscher was appointed in 1905 and was first assigned to No. 5, and later transferred to another company. He was homesick, however, and prevailed upon his superior officers to let him go back to No. 5.

Engineer James Reynolds returned to duty on September 23 at No. 5, and Assistant Driver J. S. Trodden left quarters and almost immediately went to Chicago to spend the period of his leave.

Driver J. H. Oliver, of No. 5, spent last Wednesday in pursuit of squirrels out in the vicinity of Falls Church, coming back at night with a full bag of game, which he generously shared with his comrades.

Private J. H. Ward, of Truck 6, returned on Friday from Rock Hill, Md., and Lieutenant Martin started on his leave. He will go to New York for ten days.

Christopher Columbus Bartniece has just been appointed a member of Truck 5 company.

J. L. Glascock and A. L. Hancock, of No. 7, returned to duty last Monday, and Private R. L. Smith is taking ten days' leave.

Private A. Nolan, of No. 6, returned on Friday and Private I. D. Phillips followed on furlough. He will spend his holiday at his former home in Maryland.

Private E. H. Sweeney, of No. 6 Truck, returned to duty last Tuesday after two weeks' sick leave.

Private G. R. McGee returned from his furlough last Friday, finishing the period of leave at Truck 6.

Private Wilson Oliver, of No. 4, and Private Rosier Wright, of No. 12, exchanged places last Monday. Private Oliver being promoted to third man in charge of the engine.

Assistant Driver A. Minnick, recently transferred from Truck 1 to Engine Company 12, will bring Mrs. Minnick and children home from several weeks' stay in Maryland and go to housekeeping at 30 T Street northwest.

Assistant Engineer J. O'Leary, a member of No. 12, one of the oldest men in the department, has been assigned to No. 3 engine house. O'Leary returned from annual leave on Friday and took up his new duties. Private W. A. Dixon, of No. 12, was promoted to assistant driver and assigned to the vacancy.

Lieut. W. B. Smith, of No. 12, went on leave Friday and expects to make a quick trip to Helena, Mont.

Capt. L. Grimm, of No. 17, is erecting two houses in Brookland—one for himself and one for his brother—on Twelfth street, between Irving and Jackson streets.

Mrs. Lucas, of Huesville, Md., is visiting Assistant Engineer and Mrs. W. A. Dixon, at 212 Randolph place northeast.

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No. 9 company is pleased with the work of Superintendent of Repairs Coleman in putting a new roof upon the house. It is now rain proof, and the boys can sleep through early morning

Major Richard Sylvester, superintendent of police, is spending a few days at his summer home near Harpers Ferry.

Detective Weedon, of the Central office, was on six days' leave last week.

Detective Pratt, of the Central Office, left last week for a visit with relatives in Virginia.

Charles Evans, pawn inspector at Police Headquarters, returned Friday, after several days' leave.

Lieutenant Peck, in charge of the Detective Bureau at night, returned to duty Thursday, after a vacation of three weeks.

Among the men on leave from the First precinct during the week were Privates J. Acton, F. M. Dierkoph, Charles Mullen, F. H. Purks, and H. Wolfe.

Detective Horne, of the Central Office, Mrs. Horne and their son Dennis have returned from a trip to Atlantic City. During their sojourn they were pleasantly located at the Marlboro-Blenheim.

From the Second precinct the following were on leave last week: Sergeant R. Bryan and Privates N. Chalmers, J. M. McGrath, W. C. Mulhall, W. H. Buckingham, and C. E. Smith. Private Emanuel Sandford was absent because of illness.

At the Sixth precinct the following were on leave during the week: Privates Ernest M. Brooks, John C. Costello, William T. Clinton, and Richard S. Kelly.

Those on leave from the Seventh precinct during the week were Sergeant J. J. Murphy and Privates A. Y. Brown, S. R. Chaffee, and G. W. Edwards.

Capt. R. E. Doyle, of the Eighth precinct, reported the following on leave last week: Privates E. S. Bradshaw, L. E. Draeger, C. O. Turner, and J. T. MacKenzie.

From the Ninth precinct the following were on leave during the week: Privates Philip Brown, Lewis Gee, W. G. Gleason, and E. J. Wall. On sick leave were Lieutenant Falvey and Privates O. Y. Davis and F. P. Smith.

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Privates F. M. Howard, W. T. Hollidge, D. J. Roche, and E. Wertz. Sick leave was granted to Privates J. Kavanagh and C. Speer.

Lieutenant Hodges, of the Sixth precinct, was on leave for a few days last week.

Sheriff W. A. White, of Los Angeles, Cal., who came to Washington Wednesday, was wanted to answer to a charge of wife murder, is the possessor of an unusually handsome badge, presented to him by the governor of the State. The badge is of gold, set with a large diamond, and handsomely engraved and encased.

Besides the badge, the governor also presented Sheriff White with a silver and gold plated .35-caliber revolver, with pearl side plates. The gun is handsomely engraved and was the center of attraction among the men at the Central Office. One detective remarked that the pistol was too large to carry in one's pocket, and Mr. White replied: "Before this was given me I never thought of carrying anything smaller than a .44, and even now when I go on a long trip I pack the larger gun in my pocket."

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